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Previously...

Sophie can't remember how she ended up in this house with all these other dogs. Dogs' short-term memory can be sketchy. When she smells something familiar, Sophie finally remembers. She tells the other dogs, "Your Master killed my Lady and then he brought me here."

SOPHIE

RUSTY

EARL

ROXANNE

ALDO

KILLER

HENRY

OTHER HENRY

GUCCI

VICTOR

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NO...NO, I REMEM-BER.

I WAS SCARED... YOU WERE NICE TO ME.

YOU AND THE OTHERS SHOWED ME AROUND.

AND YOU TOLD ME EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE OK.

YEAH, AND THEN YOU TOLD US THAT OUR MASTER...

SNUCK INTO YOUR OLD HOUSE AND ***MURDERED*** YOUR LADY.

I DON'T...

YOU DON'T REMEM-BER?

YOU SAID HE TOOK A SCARF AND HE...

OH.

STAY RIGHT HERE.

WHINE WHINE

SCRTCH

SCRTCH

BARK!

SCRTCH SCRTCH SCRTCH

Alright alright....

Calm down.

Woof.

WAS THAT YOU SNORING?

I THINK IT WAS EARL.

NOT ME!

OTHER HENRY'S THE ONE WHO SNORES.

I CAN'T HELP IT.

I HAVE A SINUS CONDITION!

OK. GOT IT.

WHAT ARE YOU--?

HERE!

Alright. Who's hungry?

MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
"PRIVATE ROOM"...
WHAT'S THAT?
WHEN YOU SHOWED ME THE HOUSE, YOU SAID THERE WAS A ROOM WE WEREN'T ALLOWED IN.
YEAH, THE MASTER'S PRIVATE STUFF ROOM. WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN THERE.
WE THINK HE KEEPS TREATS IN THERE.
THAT'S WHY HE KEEPS IT LOCK--
ALDO!

WE HAVE TO GET IN THAT ROOM.

Good boy.

You wanna go for a ride?

I HAVE TO GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE.

I CAN'T DO THAT BY MYSELF.

YOUR MASTER *KILLED* MY LADY!

I RE-MEMBER SHE...SHE...

OK, BUT--

NONE OF THESE DOGS BELIEVE ME!

IF HE'S GOT THIS ROOM WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THERE THAT...

KID, I GET IT.

I WANT TO HELP YOU.

BUT HE KEEPS THIS DOOR LOCKED.

THERE'S NO--

CLICK

...

USUALLY HE KEEPS IT LOCKED.

YOU'LL HELP ME LOOK?

LOOK? LOOK FOR WHAT?

THIS IS....

THIS IS JUST THE MASTER'S PRIVATE STUFF.

IF HE FINDS OUT WE WERE IN HERE THOUGH, THERE'S GOING TO BE...

...TROUBLE.

WHAT IS ALL OF THIS?

I DON'T...

I'VE NEVER BEEN IN HERE BEFORE.

IT JUST FEELS...

IT FEELS WRONG.

DO YOU FEEL IT?

I DON'T KNOW?

IT FEELS LIKE HE'S GOT A BUNCH OF JUNK.

BUT JUST...

LIKE, WHY DOES HE HAVE LADY CLOTHES?

I DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER.

TO BE HONEST, WE DON'T REALLY EVEN KNOW WHAT HIS JOB IS.

HE JUST GOES TO WORK.

WELL IT FEELS WRONG.

SOPHIE... I'M TRYING TO BELIEVE YOU.

I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, BUT HE'S REALLY...HE'S NOT A BAD GUY.

I MEAN, HE TAKES GOOD CARE OF US.

I CAN'T SEE THE MASTER KILLING...

GAH!

DID...

DID THE MASTER KILL THIS DOG?

THAT'S A COYOTE.

THEY'RE NOT DOGS, THEY ARE WILD ANIMALS. THEY'RE DANGEROUS.

THE MASTER PROTECTS DOGS...

...HE HUNTS WILD ANIMALS.

OK. WE NEED TO HURRY UP.

I HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET.

JUST NEED A LITTLE LONGER.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

I'LL KNOW IT...

...WHEN I FIND IT.

IT'S JUST GETTING LATE IS ALL.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG UNTIL THE MAS--

HEY!!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE!

What is this?

BAD DOG!

Whine

You get outta here!

GIT!

KICK!

YIPE!

Come on!

And stay out of this room!

OH!

OH GOD.

OH GOD.

OH GOD.

OH...

CLACK.

...Who, this little guy? This is Earl. His bark is worse than his bite. Pleased to--

No.

It would be my pleasure, thank--

No.

Who, this little guy? Don't mind him, his bite is is worse than his--

No.

It looks like they've made friends. Maybe we should... too?

No...

Who? This little guy? This is...

CREEAK

NN...

Who...?

...Oh, hello. Who, this little guy?

He's not so tough as he--

No.

PHEW.

RRRRRRRRRR

CRASH!

What...

WOOOOSH!

You're free.

It's ok.

DOG PARK RULES

1. No dogs without people. No people without dogs.

Sophie, it's ok.

DOG PARK RULES

Go ahead...

...Run!

Oh, hello.

BANG! CRASH!

BARK! BARK! WOOF!

YIP! YIP! YIP! BARK!

What is it *NOW?*

FRAGILE

Goddammit Rusty!

BARK!

BARK!

YIP!

What in hell's gotten into you?

Well, c'mon...

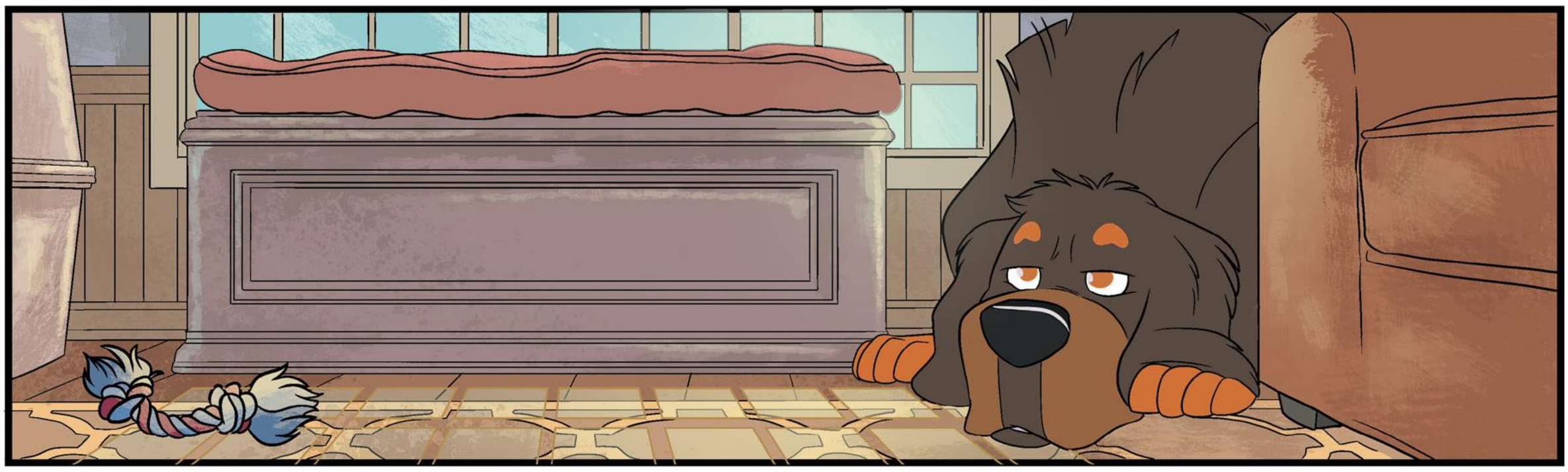
WHAT'S... GOING ON?

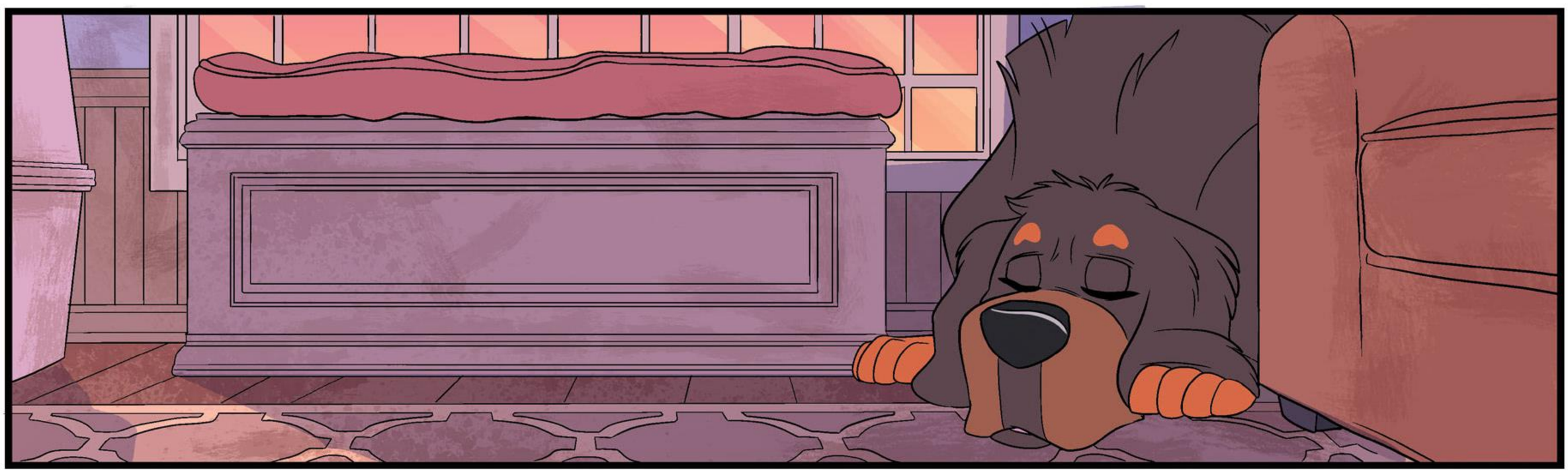
THE BAD THING.

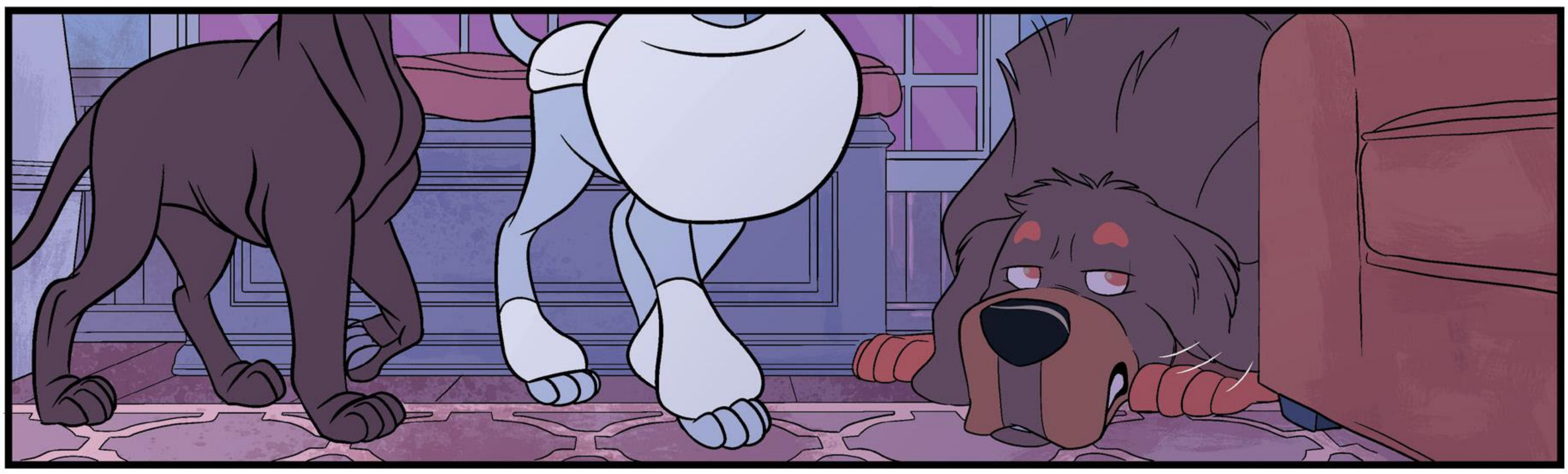
RUSTY, HE...

IT'S...

PUNISHMENT.







Ok.
Bedtime.
You guys need to go outside?

YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF, NEW DOG?

...

I'M SORRY.

HOLD ON, WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

THE NEW DOG MADE RUSTY BREAK THE RULES.

WHAT? WHEN WAS THIS?

THIS AFTERNOON. RUSTY GOT PUNISHMENT.

I LITERALLY HAVE NO MEMORY OF THIS AT ALL.

You can come on in now too.

OH MY GOD ARE YOU OK?!

YOU'RE LIMPING!

NO. IT'S NOTHING...

IT'S NOTHING... IT'S FINE.

I'M FINE.

ALDO...

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY...

WHEN HE TOOK YOU OUT?

TODAY? NOTHING REALLY....

OH RIGHT!

WE WENT FOR A RIDE. AND THEN WE WENT TO THE DOG PARK.

AT THE DOG PARK THE MASTER AND ME MET A LADY AND A DOG.

THEN THE LADY AND THE DOG LEFT.

WE WENT ON *ANOTHER* RIDE.

THEN THE MASTER USED HIS CLICK BOX TO MAKE PICTURES OF THE LADY.

PICTURES OF THE...

IS THIS HER?

NO... NO.

NOT LIKE THAT.

SHE WAS DIFFERENT.

WAIT.

THEN WHERE DID YOU GET THAT PICTURE?

I REMEMBER HER...

THAT'S MY LADY.

END CHAPTER 2.

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Hey Gang!

Thanks for coming back! As I write this, issue one hasn't yet been released. So, we got no letters for this letters page. We DO have a few dog pics from some folks that got an early look at the book. Honestly, I think people would rather look at these guys than hear me talk any more about the making of this comic.

Real quick, though, I want to throw out some thank yous to some people who were super supportive during the making of this book-- I figure it's smart to say thanks now, just in case we get deluged with reader dog photos and don't have space for it later. Last issue I introduced you to the creative team-- these people are more my creative brain-trust. I'm the kind of writer that needs to check and double check stuff-- make sure things make sense, moments land, surprises are surprising, etc. I've been blessed with a bunch of creative and supportive friends who'll take time to read drafts of my scripts or sit and talk over outlines or characters or whatever.

So, very sincere thanks to Kyle Higgins, G.M. Berrow, Gary Dauberman, Chris Ryder, Dennis Culver, Jack Sanderson, Josh Fialkov, Chris Moreno, Chris Burnham and Drew Johnson.

Ok, we'll see you next month!

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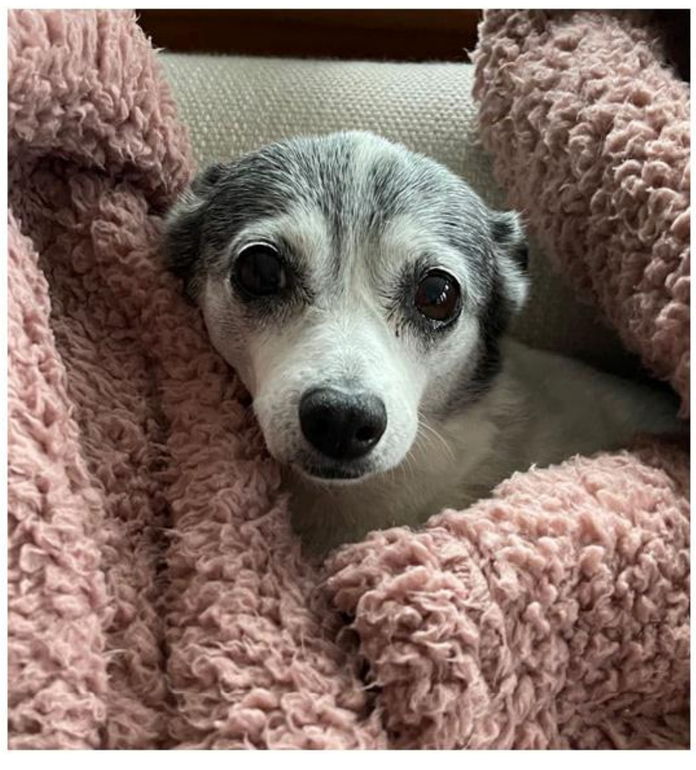

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FROM THE DESK OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES: "TODAY, AS ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT, WE HAVE OFFICIALLY PUT IN PLACE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRIES ON OUR SOUTHWEST BORDER.

"EVERY DAY, CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL AGENTS ENCOUNTER **THOUSANDS** OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AND SUPPOSED 'ASYLUM SEEKERS,' TRYING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.

"THE SCOURGE OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION ENDS **TODAY.**

"NO LONGER WILL WE ALLOW CRIMINALS TO STREAM ACROSS OUR BORDER, AND PREY ON THE INNOCENT.

"IT'S BEEN SAID THAT MANY OF THESE SO-CALLED **'PARENTS'** USE CHILDREN AS HUMAN PAWNS--A WAY TO GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT OUR BORDER.

"TO THEM, WE SAY THIS: IF YOU BRING A CHILD, THAT CHILD WILL BE SEPARATED FROM YOU. AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM.

"IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

"AMERICA PROUDLY WELCOMES MILLIONS OF **LAWFUL** IMMIGRANTS WHO ENRICH OUR SOCIETY, AND **CONTRIBUTE** TO THIS GREAT NATION.

"BUT ALL AMERICANS ARE HURT BY THE UNCONTROLLED, **ILLEGAL** MIGRATION OF COLD-BLOODED CRIMINALS.

"DAY AFTER DAY, THE PRECIOUS LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE CUT SHORT BY THOSE WHO HAVE VIOLATED OUR BORDERS.

"TO QUOTE THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF, 'WHEN MEXICO SENDS ITS PEOPLE, THEY'RE NOT SENDING THEIR BEST. THEY'RE BRINGING DRUGS. THEY'RE BRINGING CRIME. THEY'RE RAPISTS.'

"SO TODAY, AS A UNIFIED AMERICAN PEOPLE, WE WARN YOU--IF YOU CROSS THIS BORDER UNLAWFULLY, WE WILL PROSECUTE YOU TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW--AND THEN SOME.

"IT'S MORNING AGAIN IN AMERICA."

UENTE INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
ACCESO PEATONAL AL PUENTE
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO BRIDGE
OKAY BABY, ARE YOU READY?*
I-I GUESS SO...
YOU GUESS SO?
WE'RE FINALLY HERE! THOUSANDS OF MILES, THE WEEKS WE SPENT ON THE ROAD...IT WAS ALL FOR THIS!
*SPANISH.
I'M JUST TIRED...

BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REST SOON.
WE'RE JUST GOING TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS, SPEND A FEW NIGHTS WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS, AND THEN YOUR AUNT WILL PICK US UP BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

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